

1	2
11. Kerala	11
12. Madhya Pradesh	7
13. Maharashtra	27
14. Manipur	2
15. Meghalaya	1
16. Mizoram	-
17. Nagaland	-
18. Orissa	17
19. Punjab	1
20. Rajasthan	8
21. Sikkim	1
22. Tamilnadu	31
23. Tripura	1
24. Uttar Pradesh	48
25. West Bengal	14
26. A&N Islands	-
27. Chandigarh	1
28. D & N Haveli	-
29. Daman, Diu	-
30. Delhi	3
31. Lakshadweep	-
32. Pondicherry	1
Total	285

National Waterway, Kerala

1307. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a National Waterway connecting the coastal districts of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount to be involved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). A waterway connecting the coastal districts of Thrissur, Ernakulam, Alapuzha and Kollam has been declared as National Waterway in 1993. Techno-economic feasibility studies for extension of the National Waterway upto Kasargode connecting coastal districts of Thrissur, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasargode upto Kovalam connecting the Thiruvananthapuram district are in progress.

(c) the total estimated cost of development of the National Waterway from Kotta-puram to Kollam including the Champakara Canal and Udyogmandal Canal (205 kms.) as per the Detailed Project Report is Rs. 65.34

crores. The total cost would be finalised after studies are completed.

[Translation]

Ad-hoc Teachers in KVs

1308. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ad-hoc teachers working in the Kendriya Vidyalayas for more than three years;

(b) whether there is any plan to regularise them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) :

(a) According to the information available with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 68 teachers are working on ad-hoc basis in Kendriya Vidyalayas for more than three years.

(b) and (c). There is no provision in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan recruitment rules to regularise the services of such teachers.

[English]

Economic and Social Conditions of Women

1309. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a project proposal for external funding from European Community was sent on September 7, 1994 to the Union Government to improve the economic and social conditions of women in 10 districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the above proposal has been pending with the Government of India for acceptance;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(d) the time by which Government are likely to clear these projects?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Health Fair

1310. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Health Fair was organised in Delhi in October, 1996 with the help of Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of its achievements;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to organise such Health Fairs in other States, specially in the Tribal and backward areas of Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected from Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

(c) to (e). Reputed NGOs are supported by the Government to organise Health Melas in remote areas.

[English]

Non-availability of Items in CSD(I) Canteens

1311. SHRI I.D. SWAMI :

SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 3734 dated September 2, 1996 regarding non-availability of items in CSD(I) Canteens and state :

(a) whether the CSD has achieved any success in persuading Parle Company to start the supply of their biscuits to the canteens, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) how much increase the Parle company has asked for in the price and the reasons as to why the same cannot be given to them;

(c) whether any other company has also asked for increase in the prices of their products, if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the application of Eveready Industries Limited has been examined by CSD and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken to introduce Eveready brand torches and batteries without delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir. M/s. Parle Products Ltd. failed to respond to several requests and appeals of the CSD for resumption of supplies of their products to CSD.

(b) The details of price revision sought by M/s. Parle Products in January, 1996 and approved by CSD in May, 1996 but not accepted by M/s. Parle Products are given in the following table. The reduction in price given by CSD was based on the market survey report, reduction in excise duty and the whole sale price parity.

Biscuit Items	Case pack (Pkts)	Price in Jan.96	Revision sought in Jan.96	Approved by CSD in May 1996
1	2	3	4	5
1. Parle-G 100 gms	144	397.02	393.04	350.44

	1	2	3	4	5
2. Krackjack 75 gms	96	354.36	383.80	342.10	
3. Supermilk 100 gms	96	345.26	351.24	316.56	

(c) Yes, Sir. Other Biscuit Companies had also asked for price increase and were granted as per the established procedure of the CSD.

(d) and (e). M/s. Eveready Industries Ltd. submitted an application for introduction of their items in mid-July 1996. The Preliminary Screening Committee of Board of Administration of CSD recommended some of the items of the firm for introduction in CSD. The requisite market survey reports have now been obtained and after due analysis, further action will be taken as per procedure.

[Translation]

Grant to Universities

1312. DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the grants provided by the University Grants Commission to the various Universities in Madhya Pradesh during each of the years 1995-96 and 1996-97, University-wise;

(b) whether the grants provided are inadequate in comparison with the increasing number of students in these Universities and the colleges affiliated to them;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to provide more grants to these universities of Madhya Pradesh for development of sports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) University Grants Commission (UGC) provides development grants to all eligible universities, as per the prescribed norms, and subject to availability of resources, for recruitment of teaching and supporting staff, purchase of equipment, books and journals, faculty improvement and construction of women's hostels, staff quarters, health centres, campus development, etc. In addition, Non-Plan grants are also provided for certain specific purposes, which include grants for payment of scholarships and fellowship in Engineering and Technology, teacher fellowship, Junior Research Fellowship, Research Associateship, etc. Development grants are allocated for the Plan period as a whole and not on a year-to-year basis. Such grants are, however, released on a yearly basis depending upon the progress of implementation of various schemes/programmes/